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July 18, 1978

Mr. Joseph Sauve
White Mtn. Gypsum Company
115 South Dawson Street
Seattle, Washington 98108

Re: White Mtn. Gypsum Company
Millard County, Utah
ACT/027/001

Dear Mr. Sauve:

I apologize for the delay in responding to the filing of your Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations and Mining and Reclamation Plan.

The Division performed an on-site inspection of the White Mtn. Gypsum Company Mine site on July 11, 1978 and would like to request some additional information.

First of all we would like a map of the area showing drainages and topographic features, roads, buildings and other surface facilities, and location of all dumps and stockpiles.

We also would like a more detailed description of the mining operation, including a schedule of the areas to be mined and thicknesses of topsoil, overlying material and gypsum to be removed. The percent vegetative cover appears to be a rather low estimate and there are no species listed for the area. The soil pH of 6 seems unlikely for this area; could this be retested?

We would suggest that you collect several representative soil samples of the area to be mined and have them analyzed by a soil testing laboratory. Enclosed is a copy of the current price list for tests performed by Utah State University. Test No.'s 1 and 24 would be the most beneficial.

The Division would also like to recommend a more diverse seed mixture, which follows.

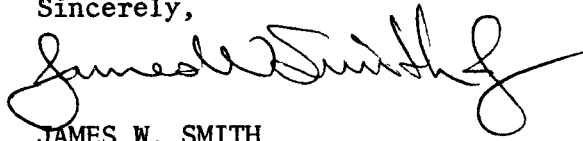
<u>Species</u>	<u>Rate (lbs/acre)</u>
Shadscale	2
Indian ricegrass	2
Sand dropseed	2
Alkali sacaton	2
Scarlet globemallow	1

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Please find enclosed a cover letter concerning the recently adopted "Changes and Additions to the General Rules and Regulations" adopted by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining and MR Form 8, Commitment to Rule M-10 (Reclamation Standards). Before tentative approval can be granted the Division requires a signed commitment to Rule M-10 and a response to the above requests including the results of the soil analyses.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office. Your cooperation regarding these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAMES W. SMITH
RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

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Enclosures: Soil Testing Price List
MR Form 8
Cover Letter
Changes & Additions